**Exam Study Guide**

**Year 9 English – Semester 1 2023**

**Section 1: Vocab & Sentences**

1. Define 30 words from term 1 & 2 vocab (multi choice).
2. Identify the subject & verb in example sentences.
3. Identify and/or write examples of simple, compound & complex sentences.

**Section 2: Symbolism & Poetry**

1. Describe the features of a ballad, sonnet, psalm, villanelle, and free verse.
2. In the example poem provided, identify 5 different poetic techniques. Explain what effect these have on the reader.
3. Discuss the theme and meaning of the poem provided, including any poetic symbol/s used.
4. Define these poetic terms: symbolism, assonance, consonance, caesura, diction, enjambment, imagery, persona, parallelism, refrain, stanza, tone, mood.
5. In the stanzas provided, mark the stressed & unstressed syllables. Identify the meter by name e.g., ‘iambic tetrameter’ (NOTE: a table listing the names of the different feet & meters will be provided – you do not need to memorise these).

**Section 3: Descriptive & Evaluative Writing**

1. List some of the key features of descriptive writing & give examples.
2. An image will be provided. Write a short description of the image, demonstrating the descriptive writing techniques you have identified.
3. List the 3 main tools used in evaluative language. Give examples of different types of evaluation. Identify evaluative, comparative, and superlative adjectives.
4. Two example texts will be provided. Write a short evaluation of the two texts, demonstrating the evaluative language techniques you have identified.

**Section 4: Mulan – Essay Writing**

1. Describe some of the key differences in the way Chinese culture was portrayed in the two versions of Mulan that we watched.
2. Outline what information should be in the introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion of an essay. Explain what PEEL stands for in an essay paragraph & give examples.
3. Academic Language – list some of the rules of formal language suitable for an essay.
   1. In the examples provided, circle the mistakes and re-write in academic language.
   2. Nominalise the verbs in the examples provided